

THE CCD FAMILY CONNECTION

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Dear Parents,

It was good to see so many of you at Prayer Awards last week. The children were working hard, especially since the beginning of this month, and it is good that we could make time to recognize their efforts. There were so many ribbons to award plus last minute testing at the 6:30 session that things got a bit crazy. Hopefully I have records up-to-date now.

The 4:15 session awards went more smoothly even with an accident during Assembly. Kolton in 3rd grade was injured during our Assembly game and required 3 stitches. Assure the children that he's doing ok. From what I heard, he was a real trooper in the ER.

We also distributed report cards to the parents who were at the awards ceremonies. I just mailed out the cards that did not get picked up. They should arrive Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the mail. Please review the reports with your children. Add signatures and any comments you may wish to make and then please return the cards to CCD.

Most classes begin Unit 5 this week. The focus is Morality. With Lent fast approaching, this is an opportune time to focus on Jesus' command to love, the invitation to work for peace and justice, and to promote respect for all life. We are called to turn away from sin and to instead practice virtuous living. Parents, you may want to review as a family the 10 commandments, the concepts of venial and mortal sin, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the virtues (faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, respect, friendship, purity, modesty and chastity.)

May Christ's gift of love fill our lives as we move into February.

Lynn Meyer

Knights of Columbus Poster Results

Also awarded last week were the awards for those students in grades 1-4 who participated in the "True Meaning of Christmas" poster contest.

We congratulate:

Adam Earnest (2A), Emma Johnson (2A) and Mariah Callen (2B) on their certificates of participation

Brooke Lewandowski (4C) on earning a 3rd place

Jade Haapala (3A) and Cheyenne Cornell (4C) on earning a 2nd place

Vanessa Hatfield (4C) on earning a 1st place

Reminder: First Communion Families

Saturday, February 3 is the first of two meetings to prepare for First Communion. We begin at 9:00 AM and should end no later than 10:30. Parents and students will gather in the St. Stephen school cafeteria for the opening and then break out for separate activities.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ash Wednesday - February 14

No doubt you've already noticed that Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. I don't ever remember this happening before, do you? It's a day of fasting and abstinence, however, so I guess we'll need to adjust those typical sweetheart dinners right?

There will no CCD classes. Parents and children should attend Ash Wednesday services instead. Note that there is a 6:30 Mass at both St. Stephen and St. Joseph Parishes. The children will participate in a special way no matter which church they attend that night. Watch for more details next week.

Gabe's News

We heard from Gabe!
Be sure to read his attached newsletters.

An Invitation for Mini-Golf

The Parish Family Life Committee at St. Joe's asked me to share an invite to a mini-golf event for families. Families from either parish may participate. See details on the attached flyer.